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SUBJECT: MEXICO ON THE "DEFAMATION OF RELIGION" RESOLUTION  
AT THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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(SBU) Poloff stressed with Armando Vivanco Castellanos, the Foreign Ministry's Deputy Director General for Human Rights and Democracy, March 24 the importance the U.S. attached to Mexico's voting against the "Defamation of Religion" resolution in the upcoming vote at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva. Recalling that Mexico abstained on a similar resolution last year, Vivanco agreed with the concept of not conferring to religions rights that are reserved for individuals and told Poloff that the Government of Mexico was reviewing its stance on the subject.

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